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1. THE POLISH PRINCIPALS IN DIVIDED FAMILY CASES MAY WELL SAY DIFFERENT THINGS TO GOP OFFICIALS AND TO US. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE LIVE IN SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES SOME DISTANCE FROM WARSAW, POZNAN, OR KRAKOW. OUR TELEGRAPHIC INQUIRIES TO THE 51 FAMILIES WHO, ACCORDING TO THE POLES, DO NOT WANT TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES, PROBABLY ASSURED THE 26 WHO CONFIRMED THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST IN EMIGRATION THAT WE ARE NOT LEAVING THEM IN THE LURCH. A NUMBER OF THE REMAINING 25 FAMILIES WILL BE HEARD FROM IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. FINALLY, WE CAN EASILY IMAGINE SOME OF THESE UNSOPHISTICATED AND FRIGHTENED PEOPLE TELLING AN INQUIRING MILITIAMAN THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE US.

2. WE CAREFULLY INTERVIEW THE PRINCIPALS OF ALL CASES WE PROPOSE TO REPRESENT TO THE MFA. WE INCLUDE THEM ON LISTS ONLY IF THEY HAVE BEEN REFUSED PASSPORTS AT LEAST TWICE, IF THEY AFFIRM THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST IN JOINING THEIR FAMILIES IN THE US, AND IF THEY ARE BENEFICIARIES OF APPROVED IMMIGRANT VISA PREFERENCE PETITIONS. WE NEVER PUT ANYONE ON LISTS
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AUTOMATICALLY IN RESPONSE TO A SIMPLE REQUEST.

3. THE PROBLEM OF FOLLOW UP ON THESE CASES IS COMPLICATED. WE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES IN CHECKING AT THREE OR SIX MONTHS INTERVALS WITH ALL PENDING CASES TO CONFIRM CONTINUED INTEREST AND ACTIVITY. WE HAVE MENTIONED THIS PROBLEM TO THE MFA IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO SET UP A BILATERAL REVIEW

MECHANISM FOR CASE BY CASE REVIEW. WE TOLD THE MINISTRY THAT
DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN POLISH AND US FIGURES ARE BOUND TO OCCUR
AS LONG AS WE AND THE POLES WORK FROM DIFFERENT INFORMATION.
SO FAR THIS ARGUMENT HAS GOT NOWHERE, AND WE DOUBT IF THE MFA
WILL AGREE TO A FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW MECHANISM.
MEANWHILE, WE DO THE BEST WE CAN TO RECONCILE ALL DIFFERENCES
THROUGH WORKING-LEVEL EXCHANGES AND PERIODIC CHECKS WITH THE
APPLICANTS. WE PLAN TO TRY ON OUR OWN AN ANNUAL
FOLLOW-UP ON PENDING CASES.
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